

CONFESSION

All: Father, we come to you as children whose faith is weak and whose actions too often displease you. We acknowledge our inability to live according to your holy standards. Though we are your children, too often we act like children - selfish and disobedient. Too often your name is not used when we are outside of church - or it is used in ways we are embarrassed to confess. Teach us to pray. Teach us to praise you. Teach us to give thanks. Forgive us and renew us by your grace that we may grow in faith. Amen

RESPONSIVE READING - Psalm 103:1-5

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits -

Leader: who forgives sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

People: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

ALL: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Psalm 103:6-13

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

1 John 3:1-5

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Matthew 6:5-13

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This, then, is how you should pray:

" 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'"

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Outline
The Lord's Prayer • "Our Father..."
Matthew 6:5-13

Introduction: "Lord, teach us to pray..."
"This, then, is how you should pray..." v.9a

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." v.9b-13

1. "Our Father in heaven..."

"With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children..." Small Catechism (Lord's Prayer)

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2. "Hallowed be your name."

"We should fear and love God so that we... call upon it in every trouble; pray, praise, and give thanks." Small Catechism (2nd Commandment)

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Answers to Sermon Outline:

Accessible, Approachable, Awesome
Prayer, Praise, Thanksgiving

BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: And the people took the blessing and held it in their hearts.

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!